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MISS ALICE

So, Neil... you're being selfish
as well as obstinate.

MACNEILL

Consider it revenge for keeping
me away from a certain trout
stream I know.

Off MacNeill's affectionate smile:

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David sits stiffly in a chair as Ida gives him a neck rub.

MISS IDA

I'm worried, David.

DAVID

You heard MacNeill. Alice will
be all right.

MISS IDA

I was talking about you.
(off his reaction)
Contrary to popular belief,
you're only one man. You simply
cannot continue doing the labors
of Hercules around here.

DAVID

If I don't, who will?

MISS IDA

That isn't the point. There has
always been more work than is
manageable. Now you're involved
in this grandiose project...
(beat)
Christy's putting too much on
your shoulders.

David winces from the soreness, as Ida's statement is
literally driven home. He stands to look at her.

DAVID

Sooner or later you'll have to
accept her, you know.

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